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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, please amend this application as follows. A petition for extension of time to respond for four months from January 19, 2003, to May 19, 2003, is filed currently. Also filed herewith are a continued prosecution application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(d) and a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98.

Appendix A is a marked-up version that shows all changes made. Appendix B presents all claims currently under examination.